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Mr. Karl Gonzales Greater New Orleans Barge Fleeting Association P.O. Box 355 Destrehan, LA 70047

Dear Mr. Gonzales:

Thank you for your submission of a revised Alternative Security Program (ASP) on behalf of the members of the Greater New Orleans Barge Fleeting Association (GNOBFA), Inc. We are pleased to inform you that, after review of the changes incorporated through our discussions, your proposed program is granted final approval. You and your members are authorized to continue the implementation of the ASP as outlined in your interim approval of December 31, 2003. The ASP will be valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of the original interim approval.

Please remember that it is the responsibility of the Greater New Orleans Barge Fleeting Association, Inc., to keep this office informed of which members will be utilizing the approved program and to advise this office, as well, should any of the members discontinue their association with the organization or choose to discontinue adherence to this program. Also, please remind the members of GNOBFA using this program that they must conduct a yearly audit and advise the Association of any amendments that may be needed. The Association, in turn, is required to submit a revised Alternative Security Program to this office for review and approval if changes are needed.

Please contact Lieutenant Commander C. H. Calametti at 202-366-9820 or by e-mail at ccalametti@comdt.uscg.mil if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

L. L. HERETH

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MP)

Director, Port Security